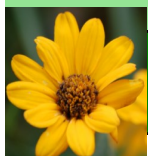


Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge



Special Events



Concert on the Prairie An Evening with the Friends of Neal Smith NWR

Friday, June 10, 2016 from 5:00 pm ~ 9:30 pm

Experience a summer evening on the prairie and learn more about how the Friends support the refuge at this annual evening of entertainment. This year will feature music by Max Wellman Trio. The event also includes an art exhibit by nature artist Russ Duerksen, wine tasting, guided tours and a meal. **Tickets are available at www.tallgrass.org or call Joan Van Gorp at 515-994-2918.**



Moths at Midnight Wednesday, July 20, 9:30 pm~11:00 pm

Discover the nocturnal life of moths and have a unique chance to explore the prairie at night! Bring your flash-light and we will provide the bug nets! **Email**

Brianna_Patrick@fws.gov to register and for information.



Bison Day

Saturday, August 6 from 10:00 am– 2:00 pm

Join us for a **FREE** and family-friendly celebration of bison and the prairie. Music, weaving, rope-making, archery, games and crafts will be available for all ages! See live bison and elk and compete in a bison chip throwing contest! Bison burger lunch available for purchase. **Call 515-994-3400 or email Nancy_Corona@fws.gov**

Programs are FREE and open to the public!



For more information: (515) 994-3400 or http://www.fws.gov/refuge/neal_smith/

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers Needed for Annual Butterfly Count Saturday, June 25 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge needs your help with its Annual Butterfly Count! The types and numbers of butterflies identified will be recorded and used to help track butterfly populations. Volunteers of all ages and skill levels are welcome to participate. **Pre-register by calling Nancy Corona at 515-994-3400 or email Nancy_Corona@fws.gov**

Second Saturday Stewardship

Interested in giving back to the environment and learning about the prairie? Stewardship volunteer programs occur on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Refuge. **To register, contact Nancy_Corona@fws.gov or (515) 994-3400.**

DON'T FORGET!

Bring a reusable
water bottle!

Date	Time	Age
June 11	9:00 am—12:00 pm	All
July 9	9:00 am—12:00 pm	All
August 13	9:00 am—12:00 pm	All

Naturalist Programs

Summer Photo Hikes

Photographers of all skill levels using a variety of camera types are invited to join a ranger -led walk. Discover the prairie flowers and wildlife using your lens. Meet at the Learning Center. **Please pre-register by calling 515-994-3400 or email Doreen_Vanryswyk@fws.gov.**

Date	Time	Age
Thursday, June 16	7:00 pm —9:00 pm	All Ages
Saturday, June 18	7:00 am—9:00 am	All Ages
Saturday, July 16	8:00 am—10 am	All Ages
Thursday, July 21	7 :00 pm—9:00 pm	All Ages
Thursday, August 18	6:30 pm—8:30 pm	All Ages
Saturday, August 20	7:00 am—9:00 am	All Ages

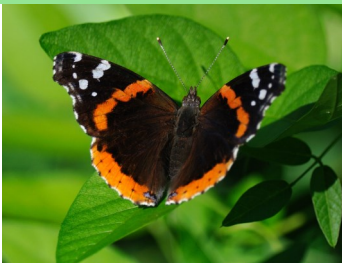
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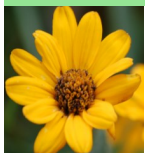
Overlook Trail Nature Discovery Walk

Join volunteer naturalists for a guided nature walk along the 1/2 mile paved Overlook Trail loop and learn about wildlife, wildflowers, and management of the refuge. See the prairie in bloom, watch for birds and butterflies and find out about the bison and elk herds. Recommended for adults and children ages 12 and older accompanied by their favorite adult.

To pre-register call 515-994-3400 or email

Nancy_Corona@fws.gov

Date	Time
Saturday, June 18	10:00 am
Saturday, July 9	10:00 am
Saturday, August 27	10:00 am



Secrets of the Prairie Night Hike

Saturday, July 16 at 8:00 pm

Join a ranger for a guided nature walk and learn about the secrets of the nighttime prairie. Look and listen for and learn first hand about the nocturnal wildlife. **To pre-register call**

515-994-3400 or email Nancy_Corona@fws.gov

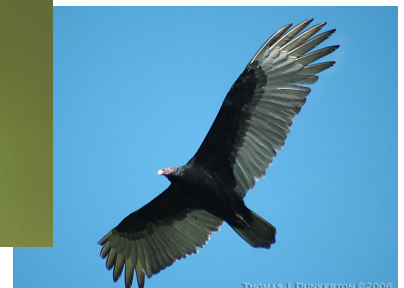
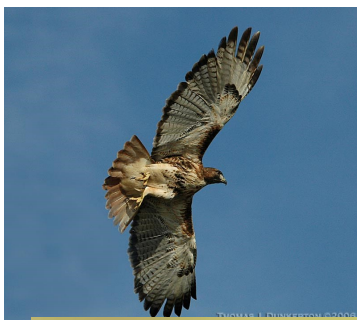


Bird Watching on the Prairie

Saturday, July 23 at 8:30 am

View a short introductory photo presentation on the basics of bird watching. Then, take a guided walk along the 2 mile paved Tallgrass Prairie Trail loop to practice your birding I.D. skills. Loaner binoculars are available.

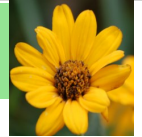
To pre-register call 515-994-3400 or email Nancy_Corona@fws.gov



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Children's Programs



Nature Tots

Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult and join us as we read stories, go outside, make nature crafts, and much more! **Pre-registration is required. Call 515-994-3400 or Nancy_Corona@fws.gov**

Date	Time	Age	Topic
Saturday, June 4	10:30 am—11:30 am	3 – 5	Pollinator Party–Insects
Saturday, July 2	10:30 am—11:30 am	3 – 5	Feathered Friends
Saturday, August 6	10:00 am—11:30 am	3 - 5	Bison Day Event!



Sunday Scientist

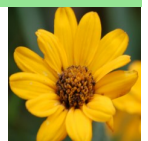
Children ages 6-10 and their favorite adult are invited to become a scientist for a day! Join a ranger to study science in nature, conduct experiments, and search for wildlife up close. **Email Brianna_Patrick@fws.gov to register.**



Date	Time	Age	Topic
June 12	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	6-10	Slithering Science
July 10	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	6-10	Winged Wonders
August 14	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	6-10	Birds of Prey



Stick~and~String Naturalist Archery Days



Participants ages 11-16 are invited to spend a day discovering the art of archery! Being a great archer or bow hunter also means being a great naturalist. Students will use tools to develop their skills in wildlife watching, tracking, and archery. Instructors are certified by the National Archery Association. Limited space available, please select one day per student. **Email Brianna_patrick@fws.gov to register.**

Date	Time	Age
Monday, August 8	10:00 am—2:00 pm	11-16
Tuesday, August 9	10:00 am—2:00 pm	11-16
Wednesday, August 10	10:00 am—2:00 pm	11-16



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